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## Connect Your Docs



# VA Portland Health Care System, Kaiser, Legacy, OHSU, Providence, The Portland Clinic, Salem Health, The Vancouver Clinic and OCHIN are now connected!

'Connect Your Docs' by sharing certain parts of your Veteran health record between Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Kaiser, Legacy, OHSU, Providence, the Portland Clinic, Salem Health, The Vancouver Clinic and OCHIN over a secure and confidential network known as the eHealth Exchange. This program is **free** and voluntary for Veterans.

## How might connecting my docs benefit me?

Many Veterans receive a portion of their care from non-VA health care providers like Kaiser, OHSU and others. Sharing certain parts of your Electronic Health Record (EHR) will help reduce the need for patients and families to carry records between health care providers as well as allow your non-VA health care provider to make more informed decisions about your care. In an emergency, immediate access to additional health care information could save your life.

We invite you to **"Connect Your Docs"** through the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health Information Exchange. A completed authorization (VA form 10-0485) is required before VA can share Veteran health information through the eHealth Exchange.

## How do I join?

VA form 10-0485 is enclosed for your convenience. If you would like to "Connect Your Docs", please complete the form and mail to:

MyHealtheVet Specialist  
V4MHV  
1601 E. Fourth Plain  
Vancouver, WA 98661

You may also sign up in person or by fax.

**By Fax:** Fax the VA Authorization to the VLER office at Fax# 503-721-7948

**In Person:** In Portland simply visit us in room1D-140 (Building 100). In Vancouver, Room230 (Building 15)

## What if I decide not to join?

Participation is entirely voluntary. Deciding not to participate will not affect your VA Health benefits or your relationship with your doctor or VA Portland.

To learn more about Connect Your Docs and sharing your health care records, please visit the VLER internet site at:  
[www.va.gov/VLER](http://www.va.gov/VLER).

**For questions or more information, contact a  
MyHealtheVet Specialist at 1-503-220-8262 ext. 33306**

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